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For : HIGH PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMP STARTER DEVICE AND
AN AUTOMOTIVE HEADLIGHT DEVICE

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and are attached hereto:

1. United States Patent No. 6,163,115, issued December 19, 2000 to Ishizuka (**Exhibit 1**);
2. United States Patent No. 6,208,088, issued March 27, 2001 to Konishi et al. (**Exhibit 2**);
3. Japanese Publication No. 4-141988, published May 15, 1992, including English abstract (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Japanese Publication No. 4-272696, published September 29, 1992 (**Exhibit 4**);
5. Japanese Publication No. 4-342993, published November 30, 1992 (**Exhibit 5**);

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6. Japanese Publication No. 5-226083, published September 3, 1993 (**Exhibit 6**);
7. Japanese Publication No. 7-65973, published March 10, 1995 (**Exhibit 7**);
8. Japanese Publication No. 8-8087, published January 12, 1996 (**Exhibit 8**);
9. Japanese Publication No. 8-222381, published August 30, 1996, including English abstract (**Exhibit 9**);
10. Japanese Publication No. 8-250287, published September 27, 1996, including English abstract (**Exhibit 10**);
11. Japanese Publication No. 2587718, published December 5, 1996, including English abstract (**Exhibit 11**);
12. Japanese Publication No. 9-82480, published March 28, 1997, including English abstract (**Exhibit 12**);
13. Japanese Publication No. 9-223590, published August 26, 1997 (**Exhibit 13**);
14. Japanese Publication No. 10-32096, published February 3, 1997 (**Exhibit 14**);
15. European Publication No. 883160, published December 9, 1998 (**Exhibit 15**);
16. Japanese Publication No. 11-86795, published March 30, 1999, including English abstract (**Exhibit 16**);

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17. Japanese Publication No. 11-238488, published August 31, 1999, including English abstract (**Exhibit 17**); and
18. 15th Technical Meeting on Plasma Physics of Light Sources and its applications, Illuminating Engineering Institute, December 4, 2000, pgs. 69-73 (**Exhibit 18**).

The above references 1-2, 4-8, and 13-15 were cited in a search report issued in connection with the international priority of the subject application. A copy of the search report and its English translation are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), applicant hereby provides a concise statement of the relevance, as it is presently understood, of each reference that is not in the English language.

15th Technical Meeting on Plasma Physics of Light Sources and its applications (**Exhibit 18**) is disclosed in the body of the specification filed on August 1, 2003 along with a statement of relevancy.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently submitted with the above-identified application.

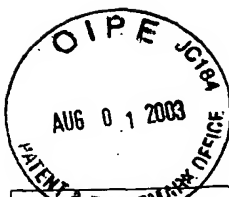
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Respectfully submitted,

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